

#### REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 13-17 and 21-34 are pending in the present application and are presented for reconsideration. Claims 1, 33 and 34 are amended. Claims 2, 8-10 and 12 were previously canceled. Claims 3-7, 11, 13-17, and 21-32 remain in the application unchanged.

During review the Notice of Allowance mailed 11/16/2009, the Applicant became aware of an error unintentionally introduced by amendment in each of claims 1, 33, and 34. In particular, the Applicant noted that the word "image" at the end of the first full paragraph following the phrase "the method comprising" in each of claims 1, 33 and 34 was inadvertently canceled by amendment in the Applicant's Response filed 9/25/2009.

Amendment to claims 1, 33 and 34 is necessary because the missing term "image" from the phrase "base image" in each of the claims at issue potentially renders the claims unclear and also introduces several antecedent basis problems in the claims.

Because the phrase "base image" was previously presented in each of claims 1, 33 and 34 prior to the Amendment of 9/25/2009, the Examiner has already performed a search based on the inclusion in the claims of the term "image" in the phrase "base image".

The claims as amended herein are patentable for the reasons set forth in both the Applicant's Response filed 9/25/2009 and in the Notice of Allowance mailed 11/16/2009. In the Applicant's arguments as the reasons for allowability of the claims over the prior art, and in the Examiner's reasons for allowance of the claims, the phrase "base image" is repeatedly used and evidences both the Applicant's and the Examiner's intent that the claim feature is "base image" rather than merely "base".

The claims as amended herein were not presented earlier because the cancellation of the term "image" from the phrase "base image" was unintentional and the Applicant was unaware of the error until the Applicant's attorney reviewed the claims after receiving the Notice of Allowance.

Since the amendment is clearly necessary for proper reading of the claim, and since the nature of the amendment is very minor and would not require additional searching on the part of the Examiner, and further in view of the fact that both the Applicant and the Examiner intended in their reasons for patentability that the allowed claims included the term "base

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image" rather than just "base" and that the correction was not made earlier because the Applicant was unaware of the accidental cancelation of the term "image", the Applicant believes that entry of this amendment is proper. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

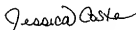
Conclusion

In view of the above comments, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action on Claims 1, 3-7, 21-25 and 31-34 is respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required by this amendment, the fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2765.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number below should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation would assist in advancing prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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